village and whether any action has been taken in the case of village Bara, P.O. Pesoli, Patti Edwal Syum, District Pauri Garhwal (U.P.); and

(d) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) No Direct Exchange Line is reported to be faulty for the last one year in the villages of Pauri Garhwal (U.P.)

However, a few VPTs (21 on MARR and 11 on Overhead alignment) are faulty for the last one year. The MARR VPTS were affected mainly due to lightening, whereas other VPTs due to landslides.

(c) Instructions and guidelines for quick and effictive restoration of VPTS have already been issued. In this particular case, the Circle has been making efforts with the manufacturers/suppliers for repairing the faulty modules. Also the attempts have been made to seek permission for Forest Deptt. for reinstallation of overhead aligments.

VPTs at Bara P.O. Pissoli, Patti, Edwalsyn Distt. Pauri Garhwal is lying disconnected due to non-payment.

(d) A tender for awarding maintenance contract for VPTs is under process. Inspections of VPTs are also being carried out for the purpose of preventive maintenance as far as possible with the available manpower.

Non-working of Telephone in Sector-IV, D.I.Z. Area, New Delhi

2205. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the telephones remains out of order in D.I.Z. area, Sector-IV, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telephones in D.I.Z. area are not put in working order inspite of the complaints lodged by the subscribers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to rectify the complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) In order to further improve the telecom services in the area, following steps are being taken/proposed to be taken.

(i) Rehabilitation of external plant.

(ii) Additional cables are being laid to make sufficient cable pairs available so that the large number of pair gain system working in the area can be removed and the telephone are provided on physical cable pairs.

सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी और साफ्टवेयर हेतु कार्य बल

2206. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री कपिल सिब्बल:

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी और साफ्टवेयर हेतु राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर एक कार्य बल गठित किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि कार्य बल ने दूर संचार विभाग का एकाधिकार समाप्त करने की सिफारिश की है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार द्वारा इस सिफारिश को क्रियान्वित करने के लिए कोई कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) लागू नहीं होता।